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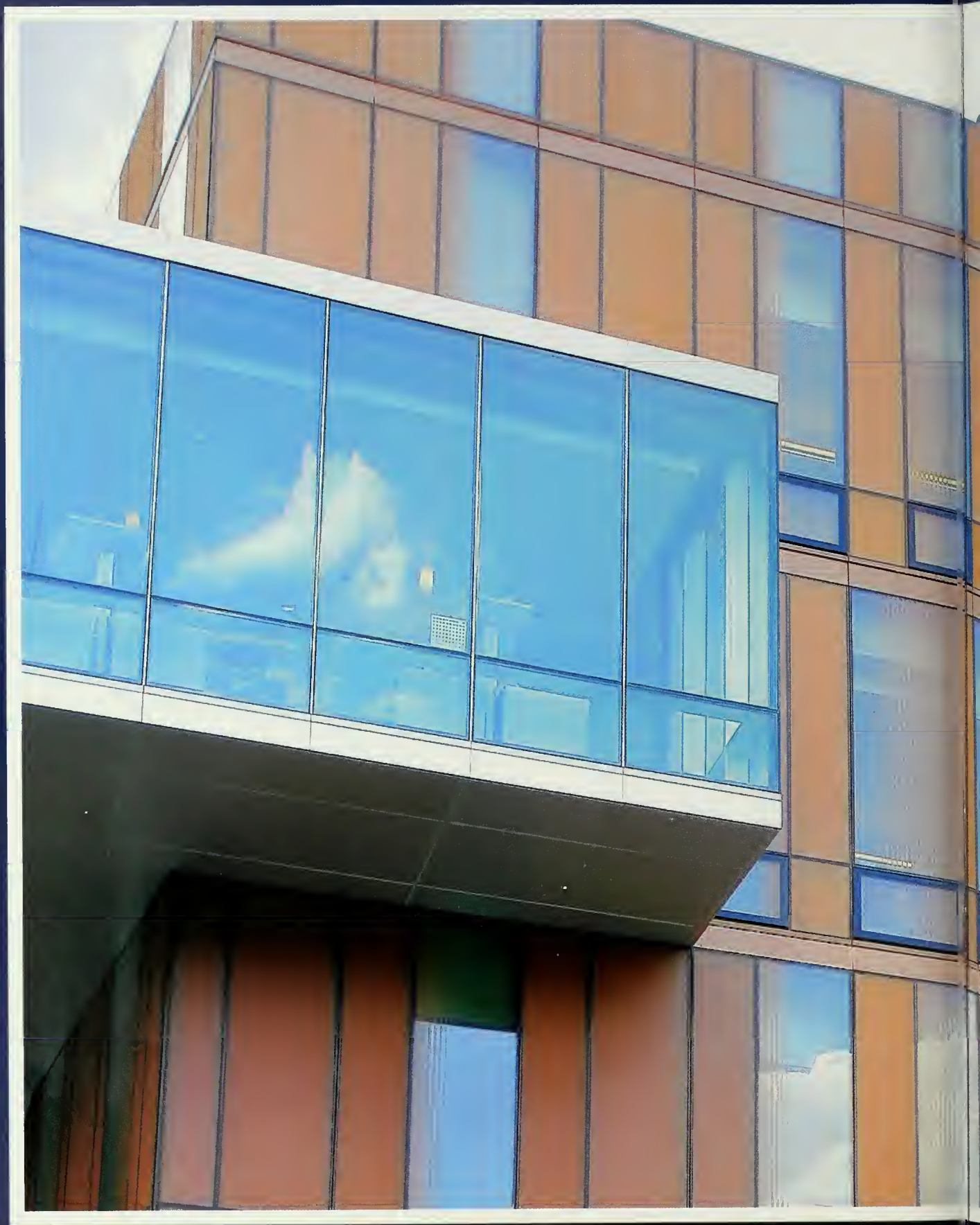

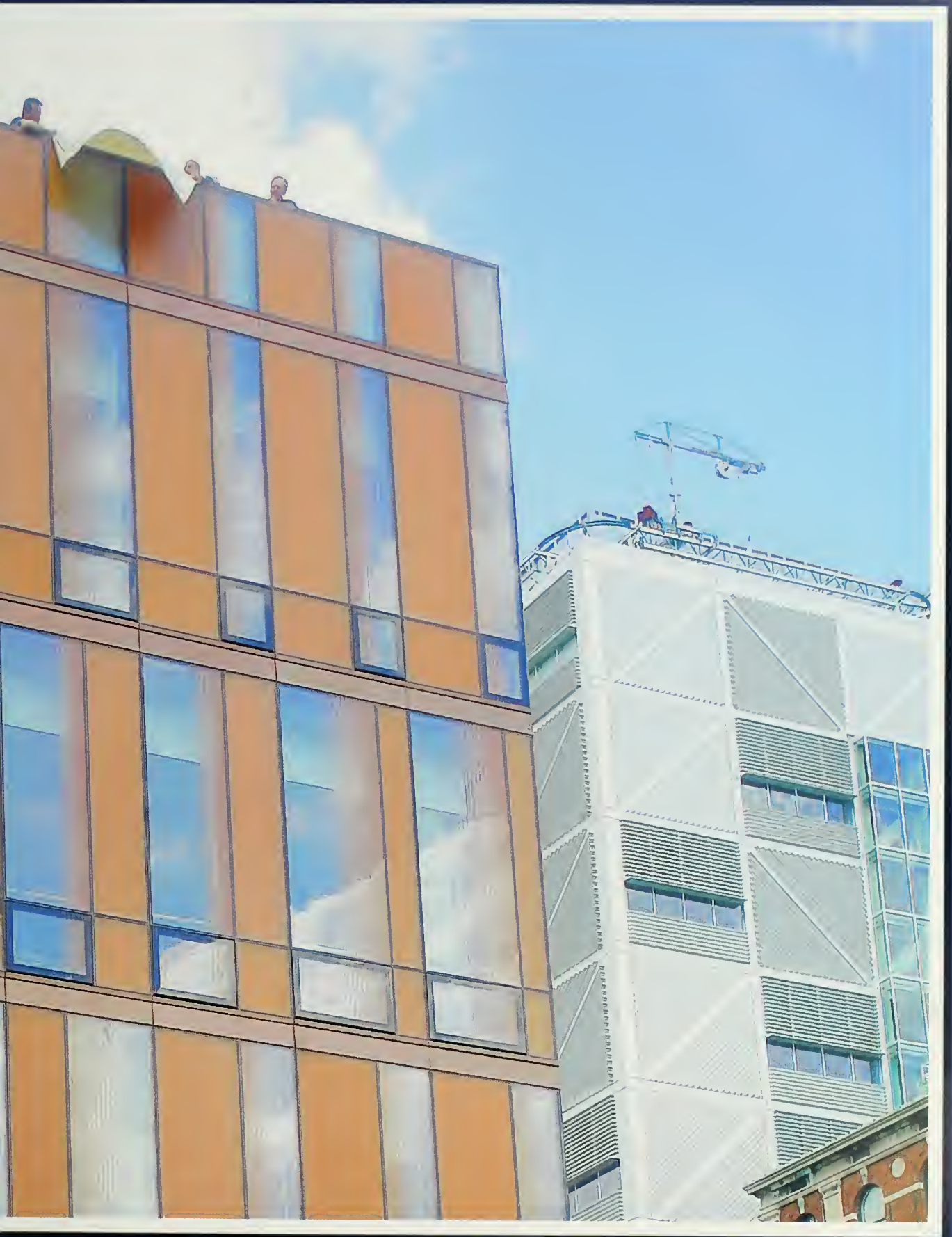

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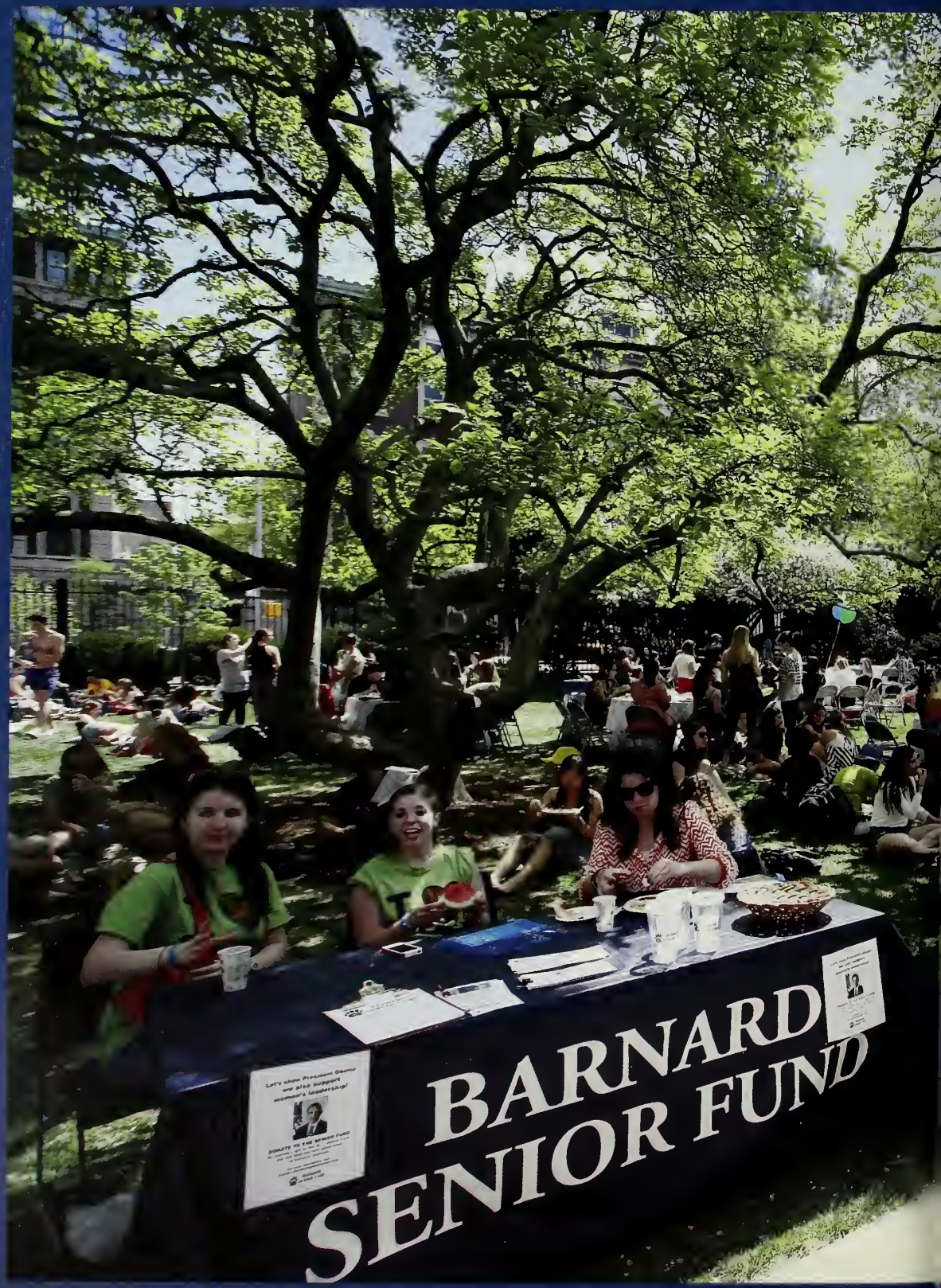
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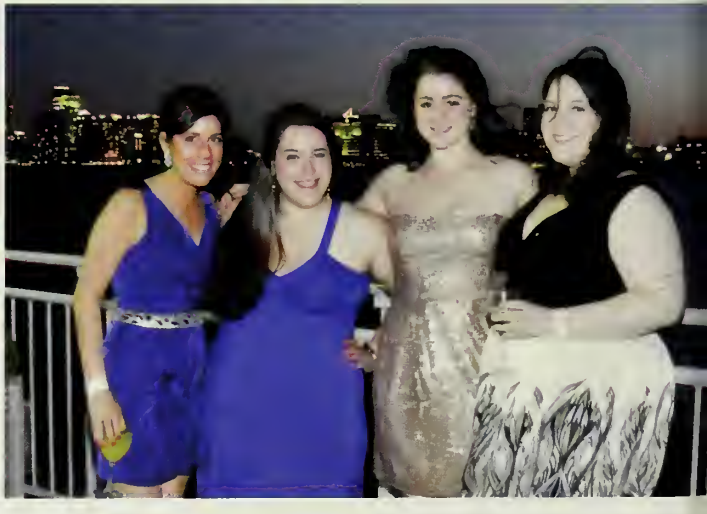

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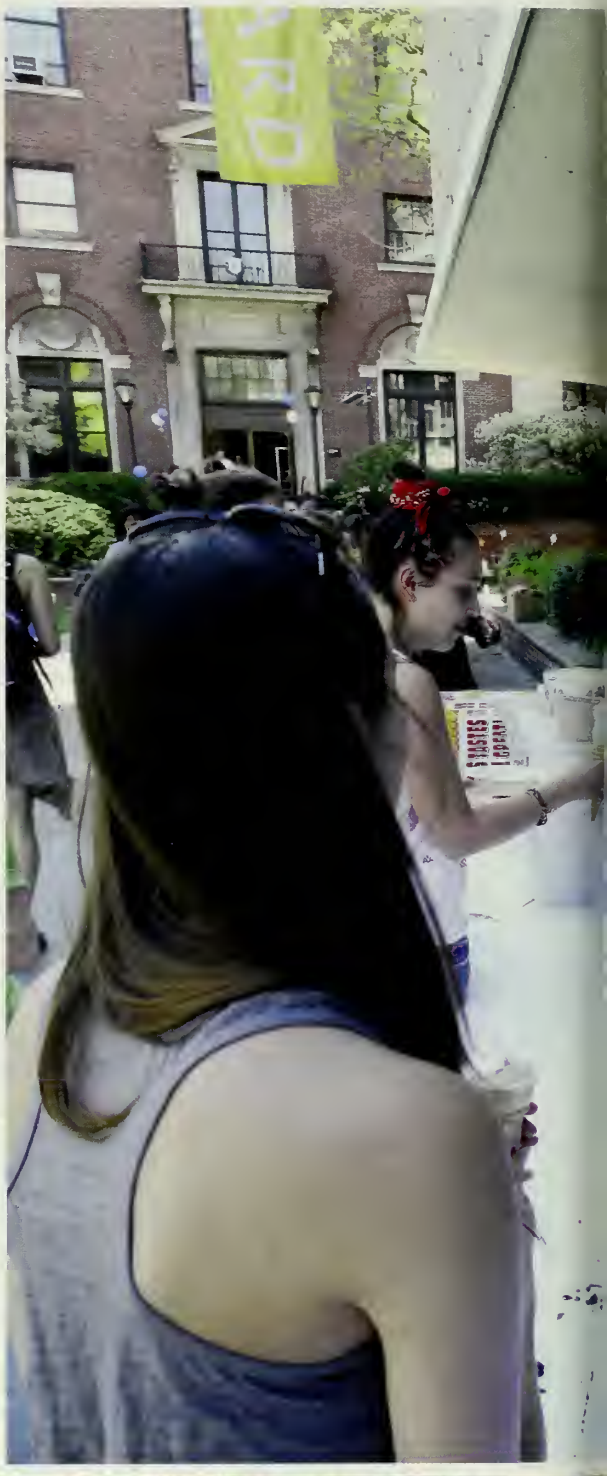

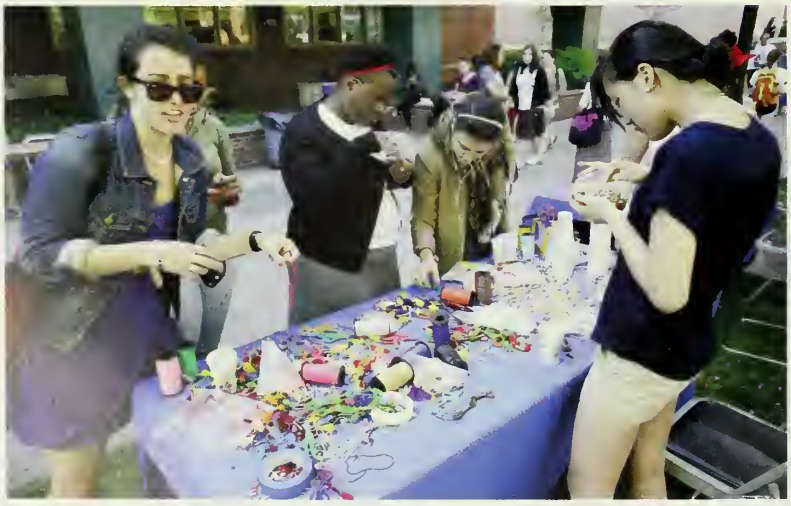

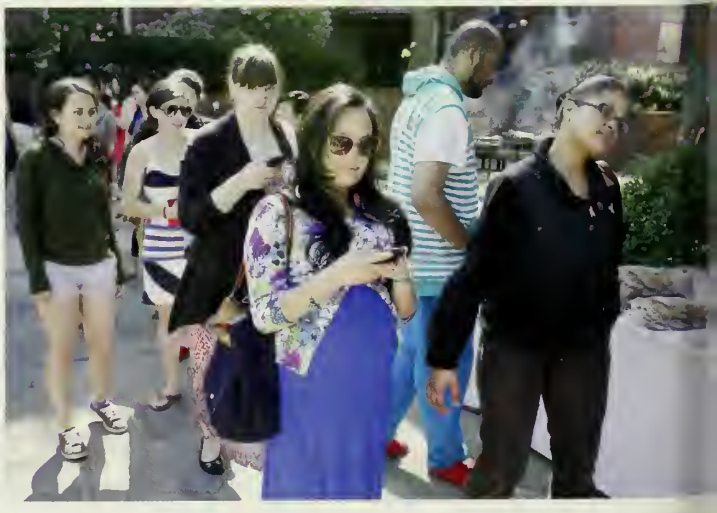

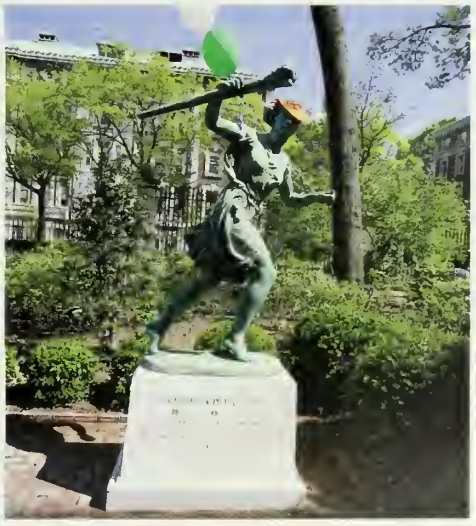

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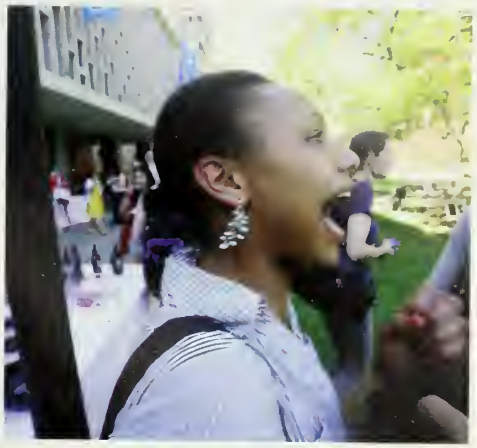

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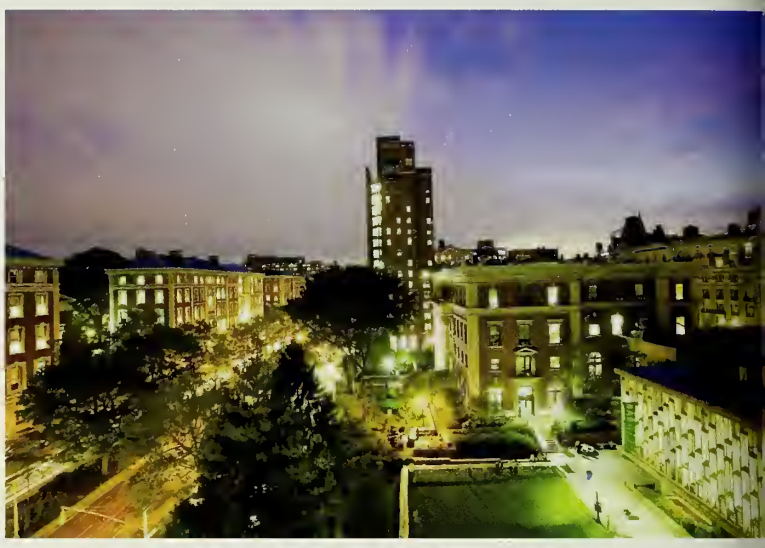

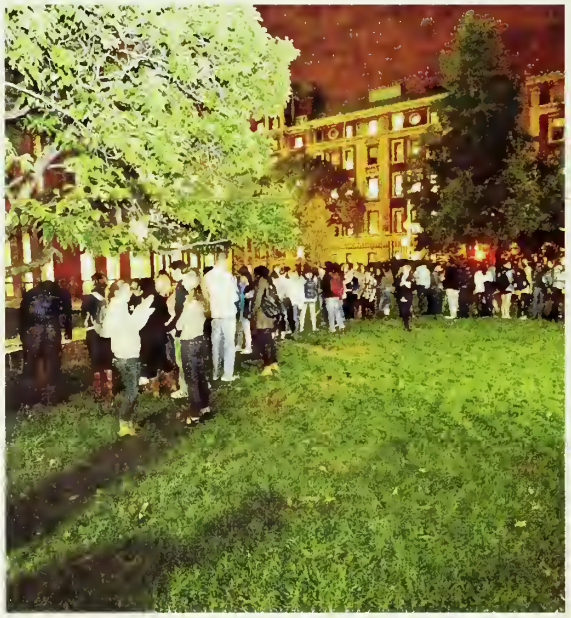

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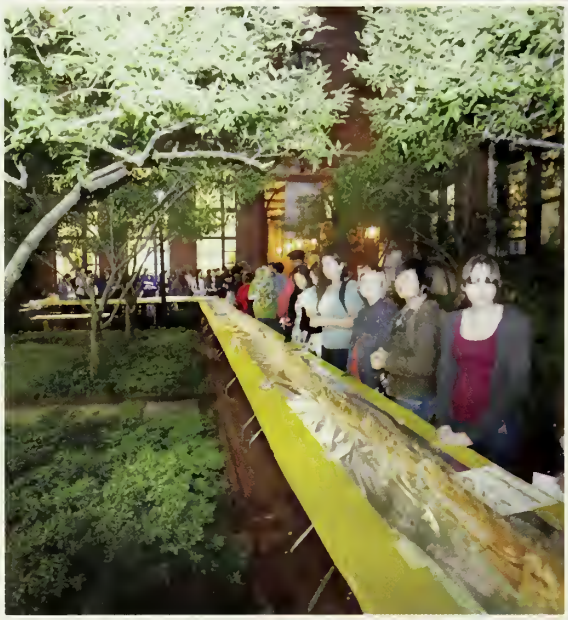

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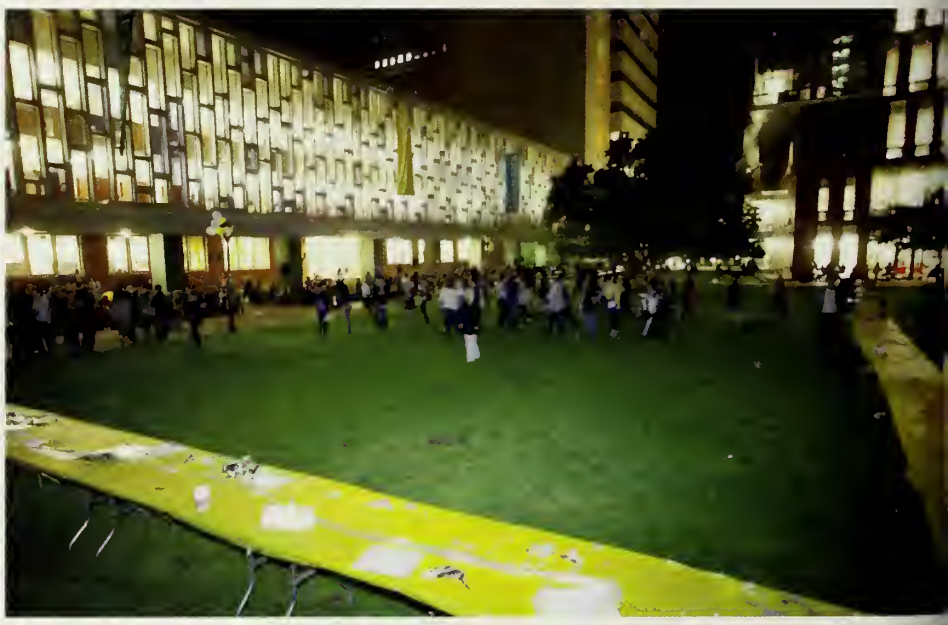

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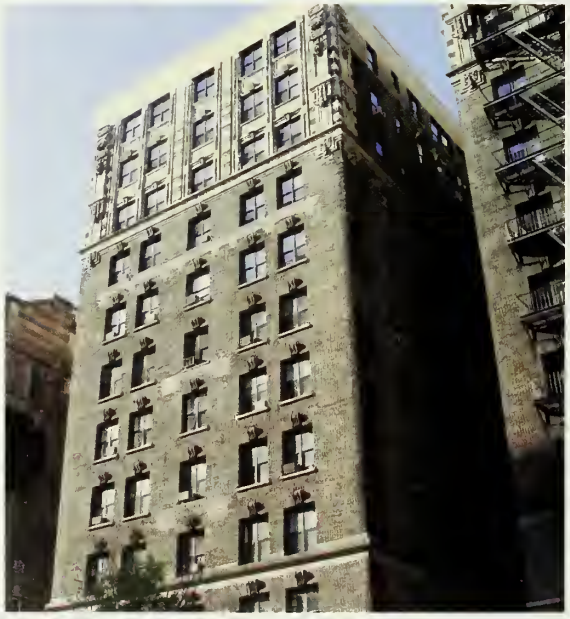

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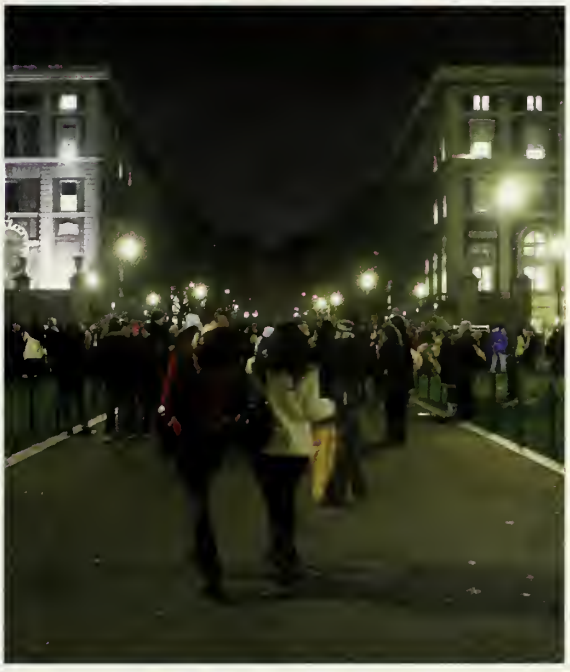

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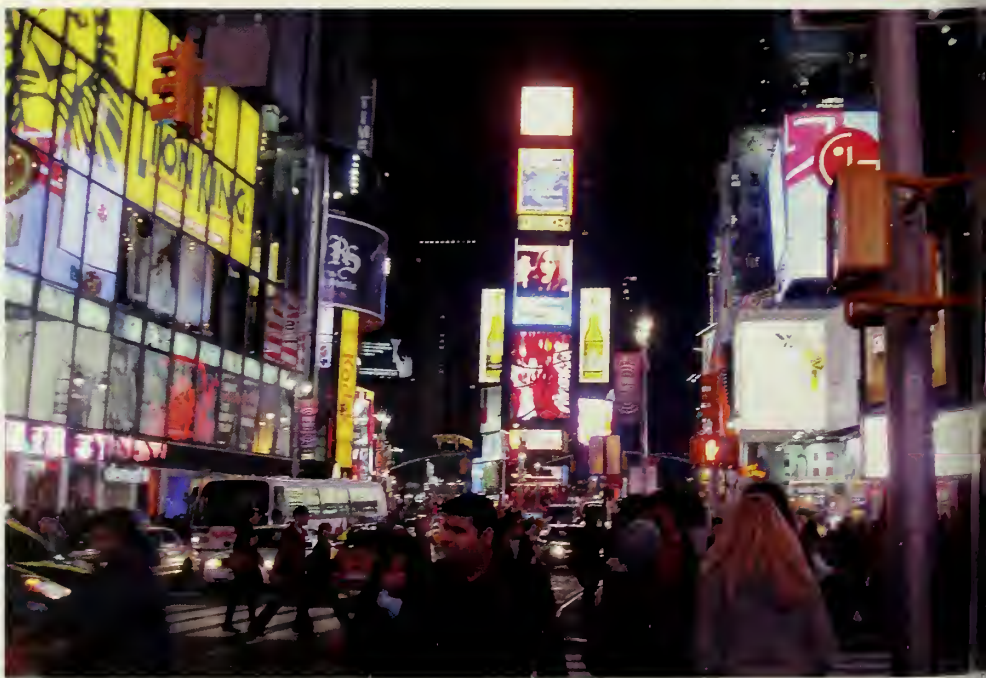
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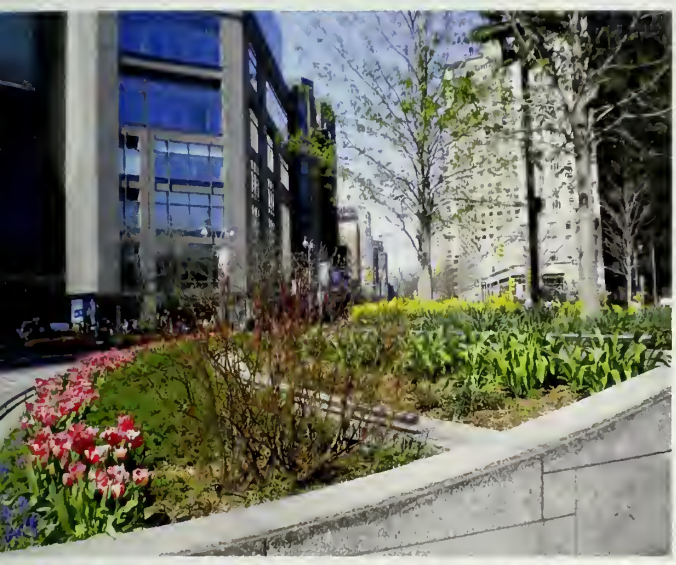

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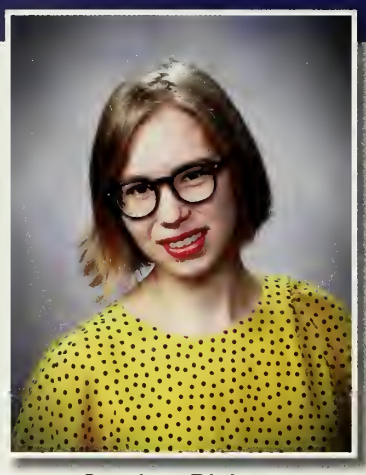

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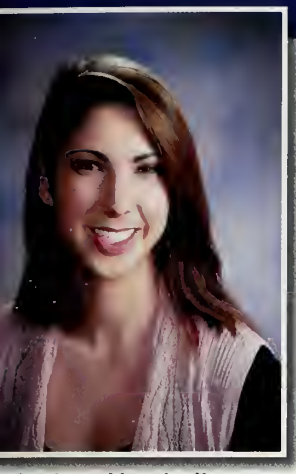

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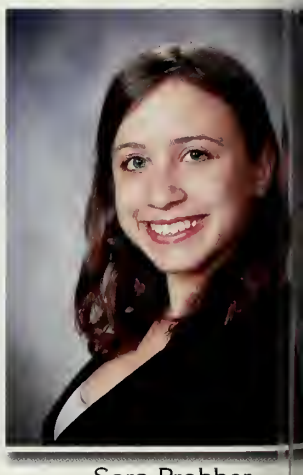

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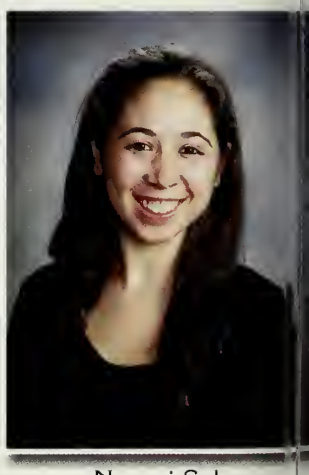

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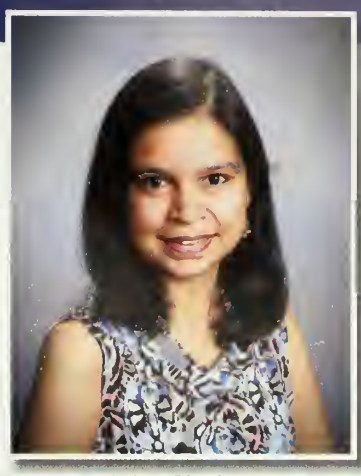

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President Spar

Dear Members of the Class of 2012,

It has been a thrill to be part of your Barnard lives, and to witness how your grace, intelligence, passion, and hard work have brought you to where you are today. You have every reason to be proud.

No doubt, this is a fascinating and dynamic time to be going out into the world, with the rules around you changing in complicated and profound ways. As you try to figure out how it all works and what role you want to play, you have the chance not only to experience this sense of change but to live it and affect it – to alter the course of your own lives and of the community that surrounds you. This is an unprecedented moment for each of you, and I have no doubt that you will seize it. As President Obama said when he addressed you at Commencement: "...reach high and hope deeply... fight for your seat at the table."

At Barnard, you have made friends that will last a lifetime, discovered your academic passions, and explored the endless wonders of life in New York City. And, of course, you have been a vital part of what makes Barnard great. I hope you will continue to come back often because, physical changes aside, the Barnard you so recently left behind is the Barnard that you will return to; a campus and a college that will remain yours long after you walk through those gates on Broadway and head off to your next great adventure.

Your memories of Barnard and the ways in which you reflect upon your years on campus are open to interpretation and will almost certainly shift over time. That is why the Mortarboard is such a treasure. It is a wonderful snapshot of your Barnard experience – a collection of faces, candid encounters, and thoughtful writing to remind you of all you did here. I hope will enjoy looking through it for many years to come.

And I hope you will stay in touch.

Debora L. Spar

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Dean Hinkson

Dear Class of 2012,

While we only shared a few months together, I have enjoyed getting to know you! It has been an absolute honor for me to be welcomed back to the College by you as you were preparing to walk through the Barnard Gates for the last time as students. I am sure you are amazed by how your time at Barnard has flown by. It seems as if you just arrived and now you have joined the grand ranks of the Alumnae Association! Congratulations!

As you begin to find your way in life beyond Barnard, please know that I wish you much success. It is my hope that your dreams will come true and if they don't, it will only be because a better opportunity is awaiting you. May all that you learned at Barnard serve you well as you encounter new people, experiences, challenges, and parts of the world! May you always thirst for more knowledge and never settle for less than you deserve. You are the very best and may the best of everything be yours!

I offer you my most heartfelt congratulations and look forward to hearing of your many accomplishments in the years to come.

Yours truly,
Avis E. Hinkson '84
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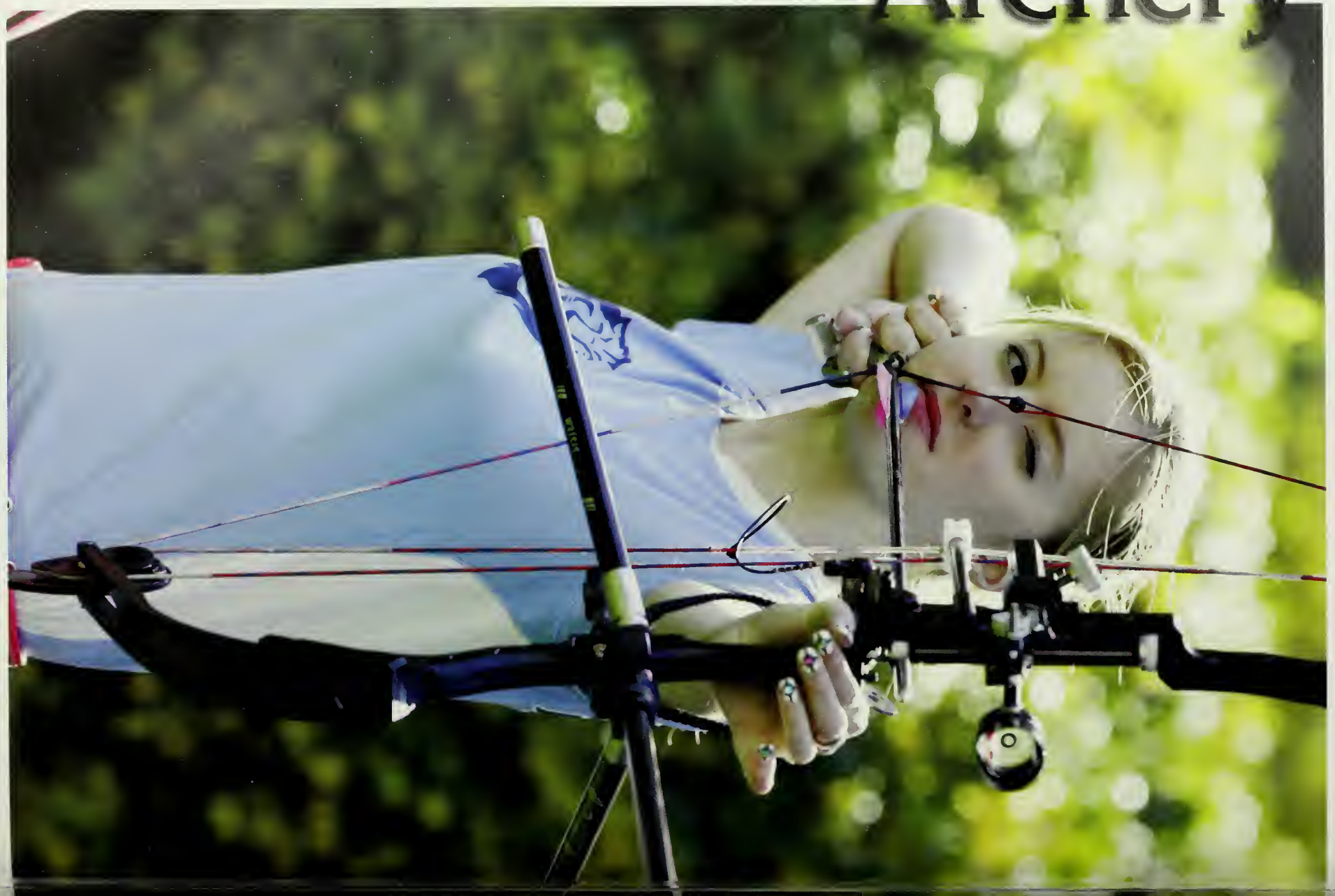

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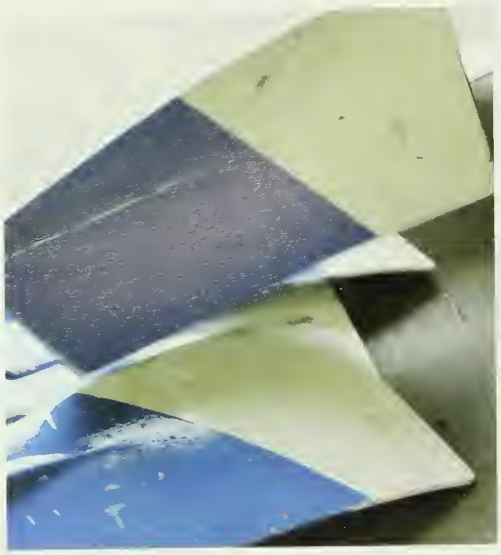

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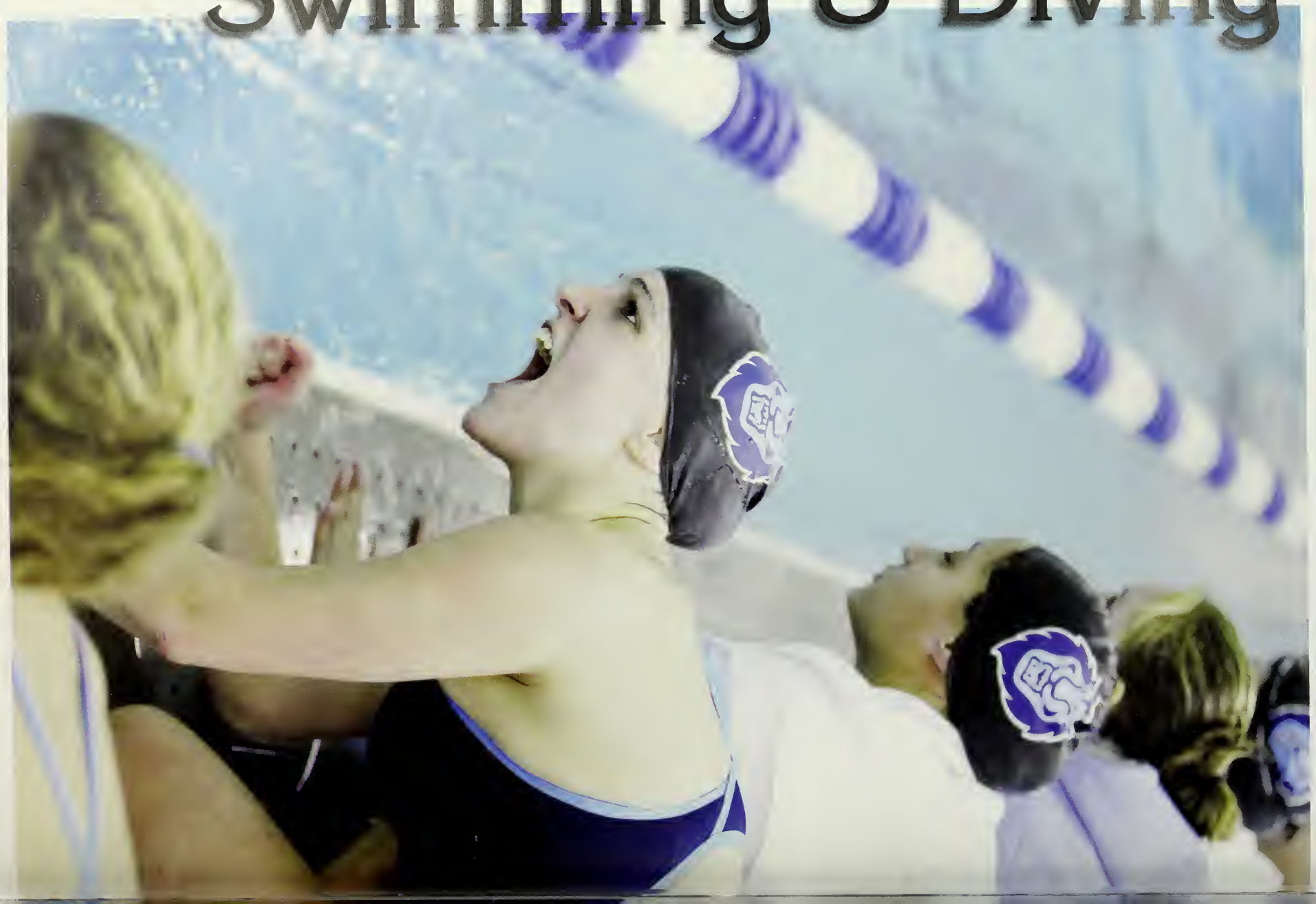

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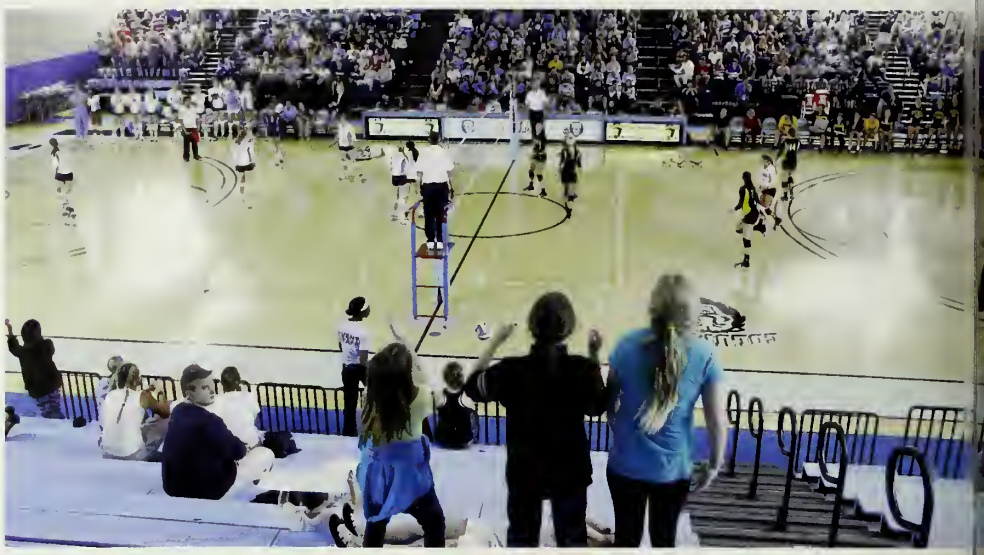


Volleyball

Samara Seligsohn

You did it Sami! The road was long. JCC, Central Park, Megs, French Woods, Pine Crest, Michigan, Harvard, Tufts, Barnard, Equador, Spain and more. You have become more than the sum of all these experiences. The great friends that you made on your journey are a testament to the person that you are. You are a beautiful young woman in every way and have so much to look forward to. I know I echo the sentiments of your many friends and family when I say how proud I am of you and wish you luck and happiness in what I know will be a very exciting future.
I Love You,
Daddy

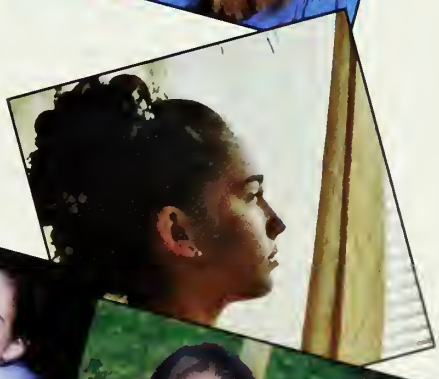
Yisa Fermin

Felicades !!

AY...AY...AY... MI BEBE SE GRADUATE AMAMOS Y TE DESEAMOS LO MEJOR. GRACIAS POR SER TAN ESPECIAL, ERES NUESTRO ANGEL.
BESOS Y ABRAZOS.
PAPI Y MAMI.

Amanda Evans

Mandy,
You are the Best Daughter a Mother could ever wish for, the Best Sister a Brother could ever want....You are the love of our lives. So full of life and laughter. I am so very Proud of you and honored that you are my daughter....The world is such a better place because you are in it....
I will always be there for you....ALWAYS....
Congratulations Hija!
Love you....Mom



Lauren Michelle Perrine

Dearest Daughter,

The world changed on December 12, 1990. Giggles developed into baby questions, which transformed into adolescent inquisitions. Your desire to learn manifested into a passion for knowledge. Your strong opinions as a girl became the core beliefs and morals of the young woman you have become. Your early perseverance manifested into your determination and drive. We have been blessed to have you present in our lives. The time for the rest of the world to benefit from your grace, beauty and intelligence has arrived. It's time to spread your wings, live, love and always laugh. I respect, admire, and am inspired by you! My daughter, my friend, I will miss you while you explore the world.
I love you!

Forever and Always,
Mom

Kathryn McCaskey

Dear Kathryn,

Congratulations! We are so proud of you! May your future be filled with all of life's greatest blessings!

Love,
Mom, Dad and John

Mitzi Steiner

The vision of the Barnard goddess is not one of fluffy gowns or sparkling crowns. Rather, it is that of a woman who Models [M]oxie, [I]nspires Peers, [T]oughens under Pressure, and works [Z]ealously towards her [I] deals. Congrats!

Love,
Abba, Ima and Benjamin

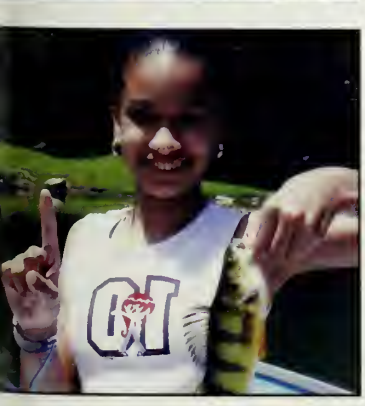
Stephanie Marchena

It seems like yesterday you were a little girl exploring your world and the next you were all grown-up making your own choices and decisions. I've watched you grow and navigate through some pretty tough times.

Now you're walking proud and tall in a cap and gown that suit you perfectly. I am so very proud of you and the young woman you've become.

Today marks a very special day in your life...

CONGRATULATIONS
LOVE MOM



Danielle Karlik Dodo

Dani,

We love you very much! Always be true to yourself!
We are very proud of your achievements.
Love,

Your Grandparents Hermes,
Alberto, Zina and Rubi

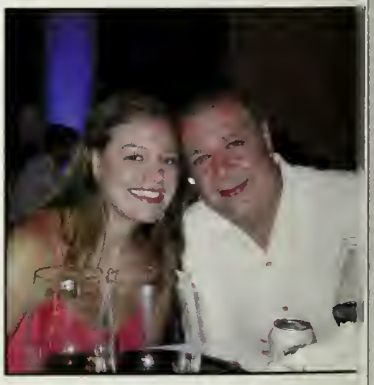
Danielle Karlik Dodo

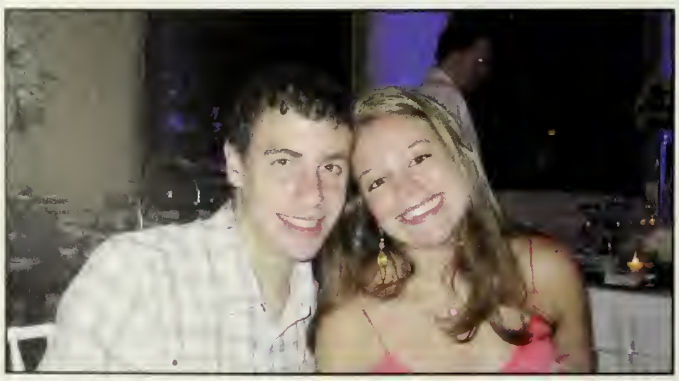
Danielle,

The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams. (E. Roosevelt)

Ah! We are so proud of you!
With all our love,

Mom, Dad and Rafi





Wherever you go, whatever you do...
I'll be in your delivery room
Love Always, Foonds 2012

EMILY NICOLE WINOGRAD

Despite all your concerns, both you and Lazlo made it to the finish line. You did it with grace, perserverence, and hard work. Lazlo's path is another story. You maintained your steady moral compass which has informed you since kindergarten and will continue to guide you throughout your life. Lazlo, of course, has no moral compass and is only guided by the foods.

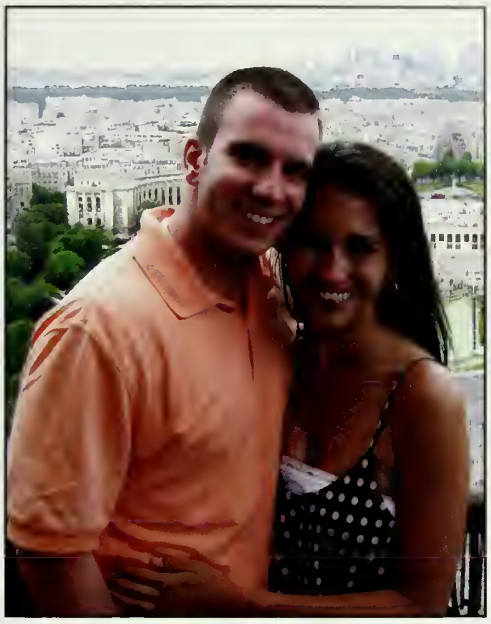
We feel so blessed and shep nachas not only from all you have accomplished, but also from the person you are at your core, the very essence of Millie. We will continue to watch with pride and joy as your story unfolds, and we know that there are no boundaries to what lies ahead for you. As always we will be here to cheer for you, to support you, and to love you.

Congratulations. With all our love,
Mom, Dad, and Amanda

Congratulations Sara Probber!

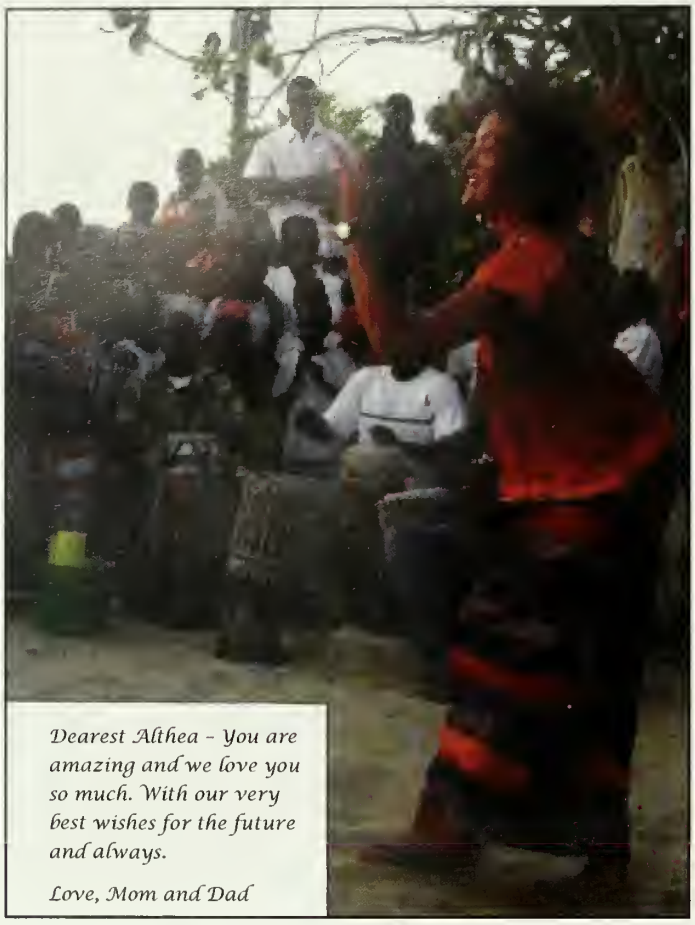
When Sara smiles the world becomes a better place.....
You are smart, beautiful, wonderful, amazing and, yes, a complete nut.
You make us so proud.
We love you.
Love,
Mom, Dad & Michael

Jaclyn D'Aversa



Congratulations Jackie!
We are extremely proud of all that you have accomplished. You are a remarkable woman. Your enthusiasm and passion is unique and admirable. We are so excited to see what the future has in store for you. Watch out world, here she comes!!

Love always,
Mom, Dad,
Jerry and Lucas
xoxo



Dearest Althea - You are amazing and we love you so much. With our very best wishes for the future and always.

Love, Mom and Dad

Mabel McLean

Mabel,
Your family is brimming with pride! We celebrate your graduation and honor you for your excellent grades, and accomplishments while at college. I am lucky to be your mom and love you very much.

Noemi Sarah Schor

Dearest Noemi,

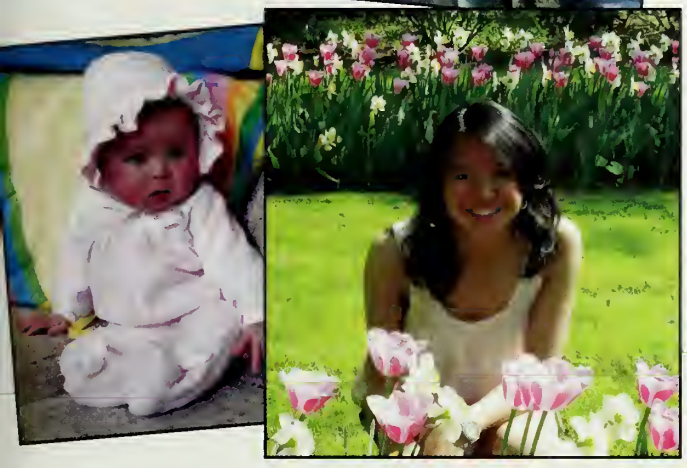
Be who you are
and may you be blessed
in all that you are.

Love always,
Mom and Dad
Shayna and Rafaella

Victoria Grace Lowe

CONGRATULATIONS!
You made it!
We are very proud of your accomplishments and pray that the Lord will guide you in your future endeavors.

Our Love Always,
Dad, Mom,
Rebekah & Andrew



Mia Johnson

Watching you mature into a young woman has been our deepest joy! We wish you a wonderful journey as your life continues to unfold. You are certain to find beauty, success, and satisfaction in all you do.
Love,
Mom, Dad and Noah

Jaclyn Henderson

While we try and teach our children all about life, our children teach us what life is all about.

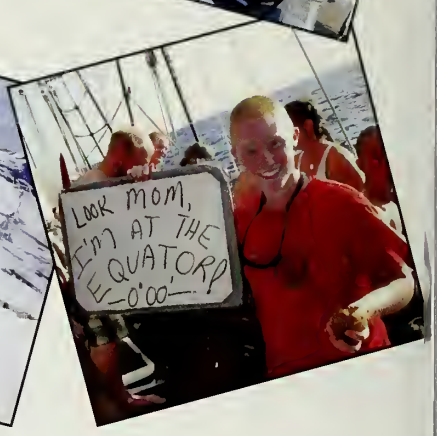
We have watched you develop into a strong, beautiful woman and we could not be prouder, or love you more.

Love and kisses,
Mom, Dad and Jenna

Marissa

What an adventure you have had the last 4 years. You sought out great opportunities and seized them. You have grown into an inspiring, wonderful young woman with the world at your fingertips. We are so proud of you and all you have accomplished. Can't wait to see what the future holds.

Love,
Mom, Dad and your whole family



MARIA GIAVANNA RUSSO

Dear Maria,

We are so proud of all that you have accomplished. You continue to amaze us with how hard you work and how much you have achieved because of your hard work.

We can't wait to see where life leads you and all the wonderful things you will certainly do. Whatever path you choose, may it bring you success and happiness.

Thanks for letting us share in this adventure and know that whatever you do, you will always have our love and support. We are your biggest fans.

With deep love and great pride,

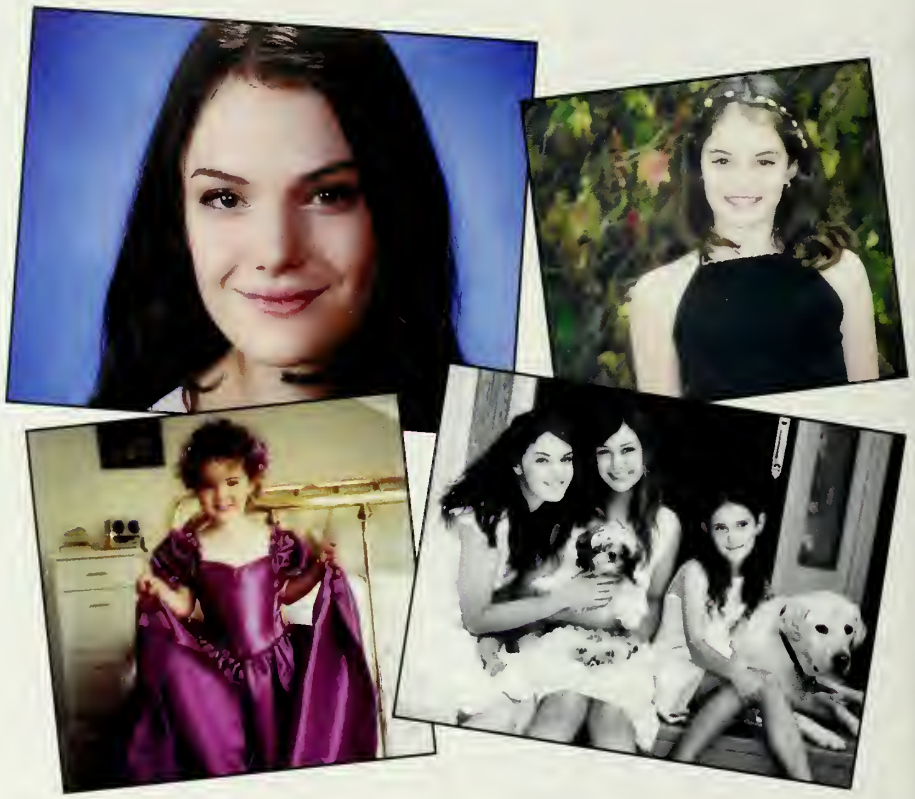
Mom and Dad

Elizabeth Raiss

Dear Liz,

We are so proud of you at this graduation time. The path here was joyful and creative. You overcame difficulties and uncertainty with grace and fortitude. You have grown to be an amazing woman. You possess imagination, individuality and preserverance. We know you will be successful in the future. "Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined" (Thoreau).

With so much love and caring,
Mom, Dad, Monica and Jenny.



Julia Marrs

"What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us." -- Emerson. Congratulations to our wonderful Barnard Graduate, class of 2012.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Ian & Lily

Alexandra Gartenberg

DEAR ALEX,
WE ALWAYS KNEW YOU WOULD BE A GREAT SUCCESS AT WHATEVER YOU PURSUE!!! WE'RE SO PROUD OF YOU!!!

LOVE,
MOM, DAD AND ARIELLE

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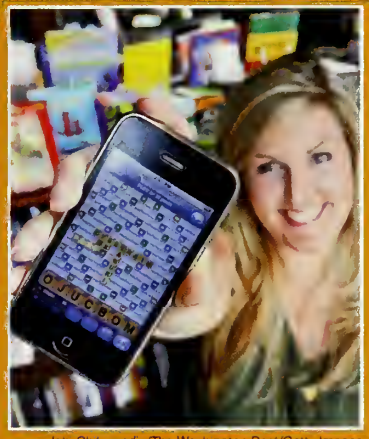

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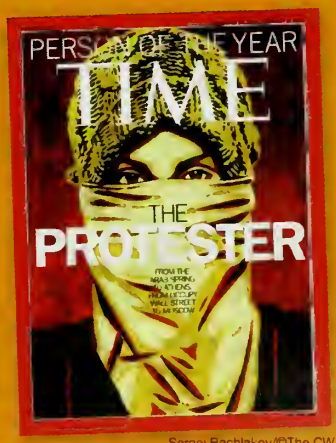

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Occupy Wall Street Occupies Headlines

Outrage over bank bailouts and foreclosures sparks a protest movement that spreads from New York's Zuccotti Park to cities across the nation.

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Space Shuttle Program Ends

The nation's budget woes force NASA to cancel a 30-year program that shuttles U.S. astronauts to and from the International Space Station.

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You Are One in 7 Billion

In October, the United Nations expresses concern over the planet's food supply now that the world population has reached an all-time high of 7 billion.

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Statue of Liberty Turns 125

Lady Liberty celebrates her 125th anniversary. To mark the occasion, 125 immigrants from 46 countries are sworn in as U.S. citizens.

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Halloween Blizzard Brings Tricky Snowfall

A surprise Nor'easter dumps record snowfalls of more than two feet in the Northeast, leaving millions stranded without power on Halloween.

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Doctor Convicted in Michael Jackson's Death

Conrad Murray, Michael Jackson's personal physician, is convicted of involuntary manslaughter for his role in the pop star's anesthetic overdose.

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New Foreclosure Relief Is Coming

The government passed a near unanimous 26 billion dollar mortgage settlement, supported by 49 of the 50 states. The settlement is geared towards those affected by the housing crash that now owe more on their houses than they're actually worth.

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Arab Spring Extends Through Fall

Middle East regimes topple with the death of Libya's Muammar Gaddafi and the ouster of Egypt's Hosni Mubarak and Tunisian dictator Zine El Abidine Ben Ali.

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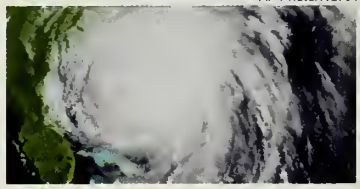

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Hurricane Irene Engulfs New England

Hurricane Irene unleashes torrential rains on New England, resulting in washed-out roads and swollen rivers. One woman is swept away and drowned.

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Cruise Ship Capsizes

The *Costa Concordia* runs aground off the Italian coast near the Isola del Giglio, resulting in numerous casualties.

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Death of Bin Laden Catches Nation's Attention

The United States watched as news came in about the death of Osama Bin Laden, following the Seal Team 6 raid on the terrorist leader's Pakistan compound.

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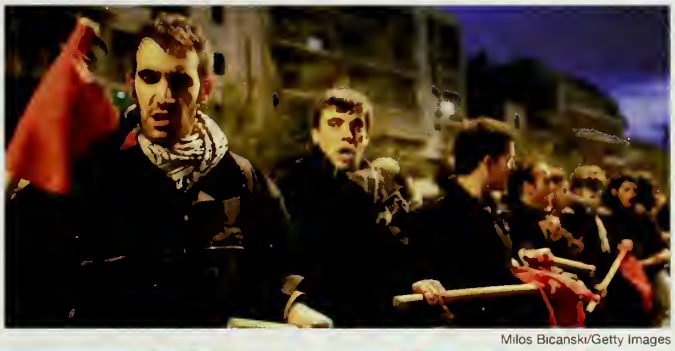
U.S. Troops Leave Iraq

The withdrawal of U.S. troops from Iraq ends in December, concluding eight years of war and occupation.



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Greek Economy Endangers European Stability

European nations offer bailout loans and urge austerity measures to keep the Greek debt crisis from damaging the Euro-Zone economy.

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Amanda Knox Acquitted

Italian courts overturn the murder conviction of American college student Amanda Knox. She returns home to Seattle after serving four years in prison.

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Legislators Take Bullying Seriously

To address increasing concern over harassment in schools, Michigan becomes the 47th U.S. state to pass laws that are written to combat bullying.

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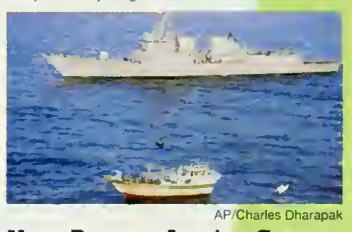
Obama Introduces Jobs Act

To boost the sluggish economy, President Obama presents Congress with the American Jobs Act, a bill designed to put citizens back to work.



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Navy Rescues Iranian Crew from Pirates

In the North Arabian Sea, the USS *Kidd*, a U.S. Navy warship, rescues the crew of an Iranian fishing boat from Somali pirates.

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Republican Hopefuls Debate

A series of nationally televised debates narrows the field as candidates vie for the 2012 Republican presidential nomination.

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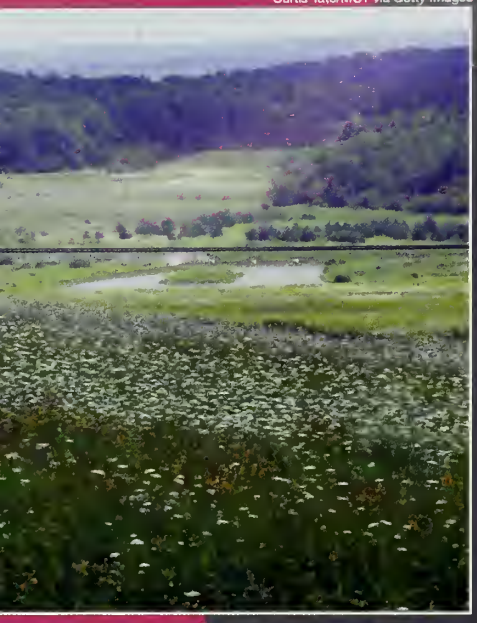

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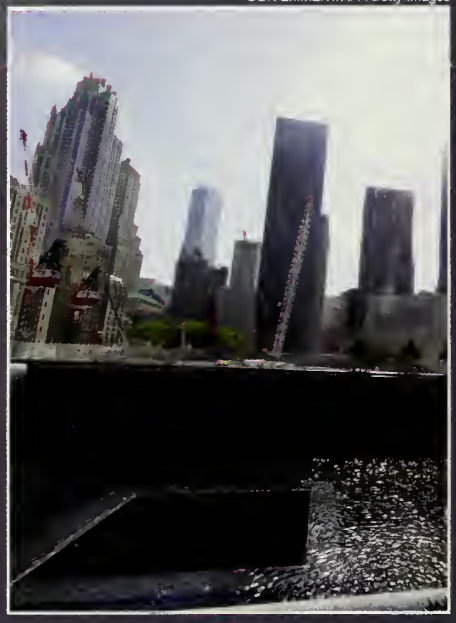

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On September 11, 2001, acts of terrorism took the lives of thousands at the World Trade Center in New York City, in a grassy field in Shanksville, Pennsylvania and here at the Pentagon.
We will forever remember our loved ones, friends and colleagues.

Pennsylvania **New York** **Washington, D.C.**

The Nation Remembers 9/11

On the tenth anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks, memorial events are held in New York, Pennsylvania and Washington, D.C.

Give & Take

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Watson Gets a Government Job

After trouncing human *Jeopardy* champions, Watson, the IBM supercomputer, analyzes pharmaceutical patent data for the National Institutes of Health.

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Coupon Clipping Continues

Coupons are a lifestyle trend as consumers emulate super-thrifty shoppers featured on TV shows like *Extreme Couponing* on TLC.

School Buildings Go Green

States are adopting green building practices so that school buildings can save energy and use fewer resources.

United States Post Office

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Post Office Posts Losses

After sustaining a record $14.4 billion loss for its 2012 fiscal year, the U.S. Post Office asks consultants to advise them about restructuring.

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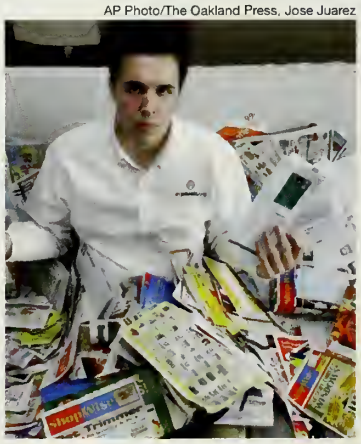

Consumers Trash Junk Mail

Households across the nation are taking steps to reduce the paper waste of unwanted junk mail from catalog companies and advertisers.

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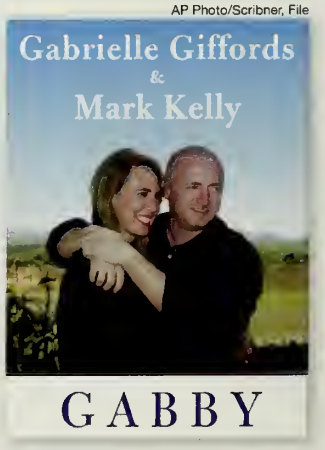

Gabby Giffords Pens Memoir

One year after she was shot by a would-be assassin, Representative Gabby Giffords and her husband publish a memoir.

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Tuscaloosa Survives Tornado

When a tornado hits the town of Tuscaloosa, these University of Alabama students seek shelter in a bathtub under a mattress.

"The Protester" Is Person of the Year

As demonstrations in Tunisia, Egypt, Libya, Syria, and New York make headlines, *Time* magazine names "The Protester" as 2011's Person of the Year.

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Steve Jobs Dies

Apple co-founder Steve Jobs, a pioneer in the personal computing and consumer electronics fields, dies at age 56 of pancreatic cancer.

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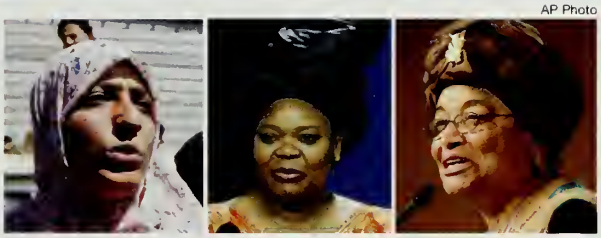

Women Leaders Share Nobel Peace Prize

Liberian peace activist Leymah Gbowee, Liberian President Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf, and Tawakkol Karman of Yemen all receive the Nobel Peace Prize.

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New LED Lightbulbs Shine for Decades

Pricey, Energy Star-rated LED bulbs debut in stores and outshine compact fluorescent bulbs, lasting five times longer.

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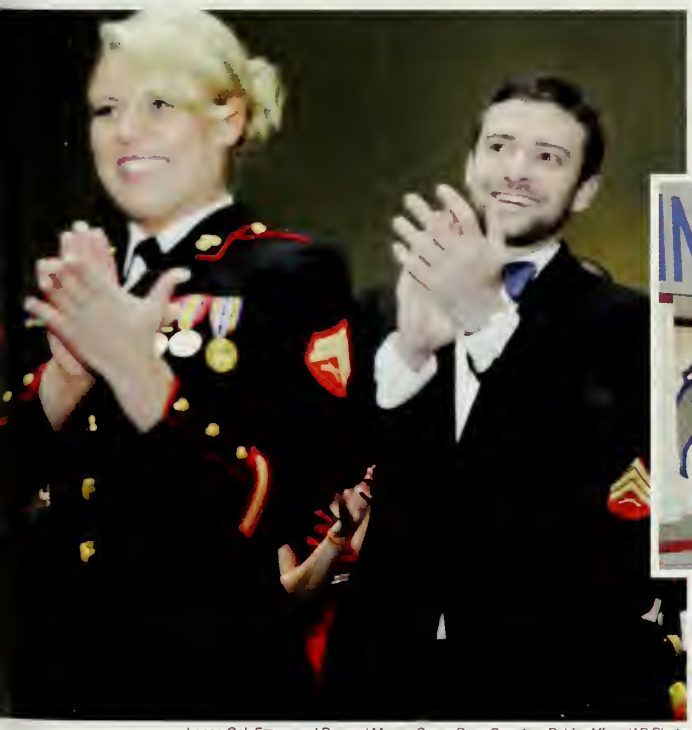
New Standards Regulate Fracking Practices

Regulators announce national anti-pollution standards to oversee the natural gas industry's practice of hydraulic fracturing, or fracking.



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YouTube Request Snags Timberlake

Corporal Kelsey de Santis successfully asks Justin Timberlake to be her date for the Marine Corps Ball by posting a video on YouTube.

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Joplin Mall Is Makeshift School

After Missouri's Joplin High School is destroyed by a tornado, students attend class at nearby Northpark Mall.

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London Builds an Eco-savvy Olympic Park

Green building practices transform former industrial land into London's Olympic Park for the 2012 Summer Games.

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Airlines Fly Toward Greener Fuels

Seeking to decrease greenhouse gas emissions and shrink their carbon footprint, passenger jets are starting to switch to new bio-fuels.

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Boston Bruins Bear Down

Following their first Stanley Cup win in 39 years, the Boston Bruins keep the momentum going strong with a solid 2011-2012 season.

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Skaters Gather in Brazil

Lincoln Ueda, Tony Hawk and other world-class skateboarders headline a "Jump" festival at Ibirapuera gym in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

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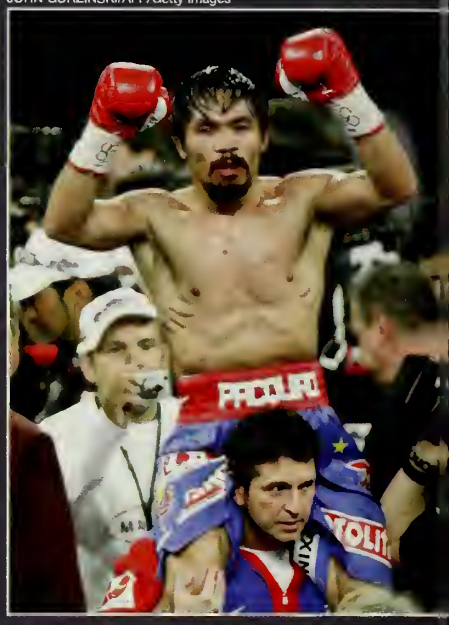

Manny Pacquiao Holds His Title

In Las Vegas, WBO Welterweight champ Manny Pacquiao successfully defends his title against Juan Manuel Márquez.

Sports

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Teen Is Youngest LPGA Tour Winner

Lexi Thompson, age 16, wins her first LGPA tournament, the Navistar LPGA Classic, making her the youngest winner in the history of the LPGA Tour.

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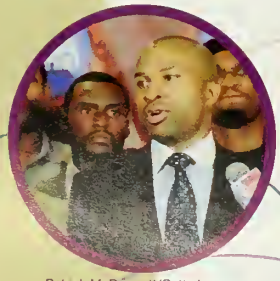
St. Louis Cardinals Win World Series

With a win over the Texas Rangers in seven games, the St. Louis Cardinals take home their 11th World Series victory.



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Basketball Players End Strike

The 2011 NBA lockout ends as basketball team owners and players strike a deal. The start of the season is delayed until Christmas.

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Verlander Receives Cy Young Award

Justin Verlander of the Detroit Tigers is American League MVP and winner of the 2011 Cy Young Award.

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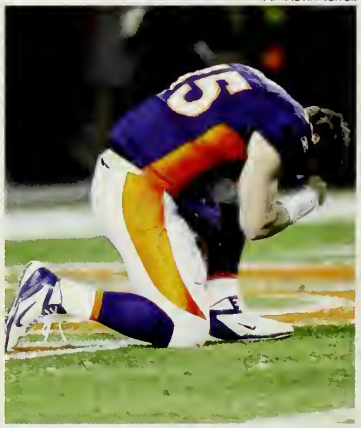

Talking Tebow

Sports announcers and fans debate over Denver Broncos quarterback Tim Tebow, an athlete who wears his faith on the sleeve of his football jersey.

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Minnesota Lynx Net WNBA Championship

The Minnesota Lynx defeat the Atlanta Dream in three games to claim their first-ever WNBA championship.

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First Lady Gets a Kick Out of Fitness

Members of the U.S. Women's National Soccer Team join Michelle Obama for a Let's Move soccer clinic on the south lawn of the White House.

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Tony Stewart Races to NASCAR Victory

In the season's final race of the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series at Homestead-Miami Speedway, Stewart edges out Carl Edwards in a tiebreaker.

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Stosur Wins U.S. Open

Australian tennis player Samantha Stosur defeats Serena Williams to win the women's singles championship at the U.S. Open.

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Baylor Gets Its First Heisman Winner

Robert Griffin III, starting quarterback for the Baylor University Bears, is named the winner of the Heisman Trophy award.

JoePa Loses His Battle with Lung Cancer

Joe Paterno, the beloved college football coach who led the Penn State Nittany Lions to a record-breaking 409 victories, dies at age 85.

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Sports Illustrated Honors Coaches

The Sportswoman and Sportsman of the Year awards go to college basketball coaches Pat Summitt and Mike Krzyzewski.

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New York Wins Super Bowl Trophy

Eli Manning leads the New York Giants to their fourth Super Bowl triumph, narrowly defeating the New England Patriots 21 to 17.

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Dallas Mavericks Beat the Heat

The Dallas Mavericks ice the Miami Heat dream team and LeBron James by winning the 2011 NBA World Championship in Game 6.

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Women Gymnasts Garner Gold

The U.S. women's team brings home gold medals from the Artistic Gymnastics World Championships in Tokyo.

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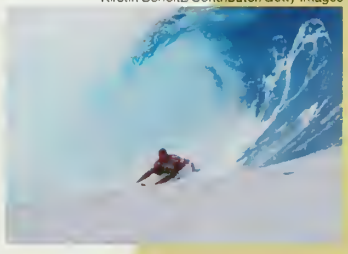

Kelly Slater Rules the Waves

By winning top honors at the Billabong Pro Tahiti competition, surfer Kelly Slater captures his 47th elite World Tour victory.

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Usher on the Upswing

Usher wins the AMA Favorite Male Artist award, performs with Justin Bieber for NBC's *Christmas in Rockefeller Center* and reunites with Ludacris.

Michael Tran/FilmMagic

Katy Perry Stays on Top

Katy Perry is the year's most-played artist on the radio, with five Number One singles. She sells two million albums and 24 million digital downloads.

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The Rising Star, Bruno Mars

Singer-songwriter Bruno Mars receives six Grammy nominations, an AMA Award for best Pop/Rock Male Artist, and sings with the Muppets on *Sesame Street*.

Music

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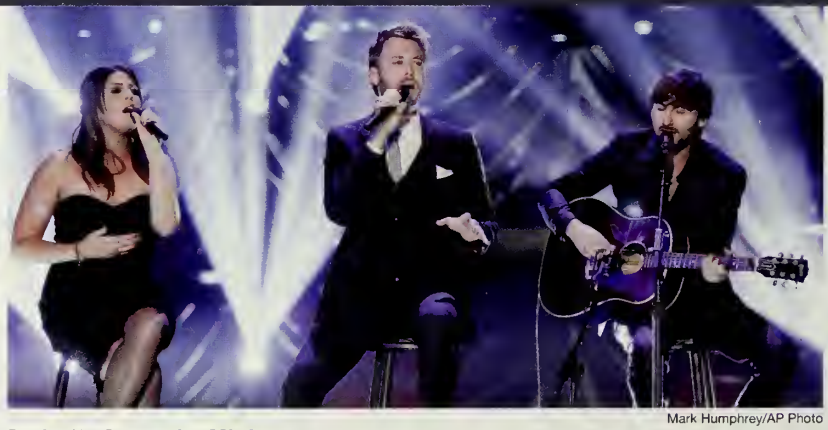
Kanye's Lucky Seven

Hip-hop superstar and producer Kanye West receives a total of seven 2012 Grammy nominations, more than any other artist for the season.



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Lady A. Owns the Night

Nashville's Lady Antebellum hits the country charts with "Just a Kiss," from their third studio album, *Own the Night*.

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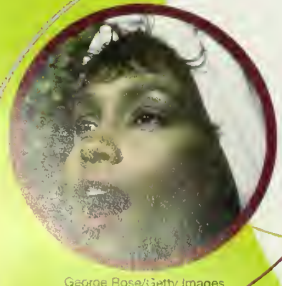
Adele Turns 21

Despite vocal cord trouble that forces her to suspend touring, Adele is Billboard's Number One artist of 2011 and her album, *21*, is the year's top seller.



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Whitney Houston Dies at Age 48

The music industry and fans alike were stunned about the death of music icon, Whitney Houston. Her body was found unresponsive on Saturday, February 11th in her Los Angeles hotel room.

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Hot Chelle Rae Is Getting Hotter

Hot Chelle Rae signs with RCA, wins a Best New Artist award from the American Music Association and releases the band's second album, *Whatever*.

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Jennifer Lopez Goes Solo

After the tabloids cover her split from husband Marc Anthony, Jennifer Lopez wins a Favorite Latin Artist Award from the American Music Awards.

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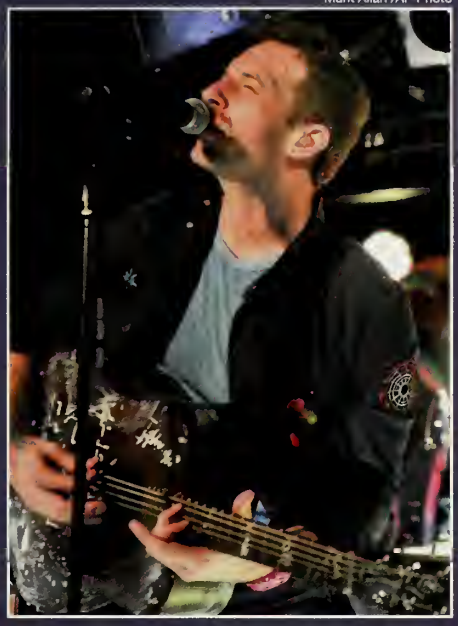

Coldplay Plays It Cool

Coldplay releases its fifth album, *Mylo Xyloto*, and streams a concert in Spain as a live webcast on YouTube.

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Gaga Visits Obama

Lady Gaga drops in on President Obama to lend her support to his anti-bullying campaign, according to a White House senior advisor's blog.

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Maroon 5 Moves Like Winners

Maroon 5 wins an AMA Pop/Rock Favorite Band award. The cast of *Glee* covers the band's hit single, "Moves Like Jagger."

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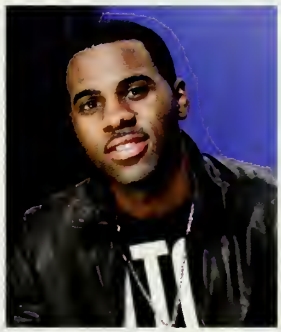
Taylor Made Good

Singer-songwriter Taylor Swift releases her *Speak Now World Tour: Live* album and is named CMA Entertainer of the Year.



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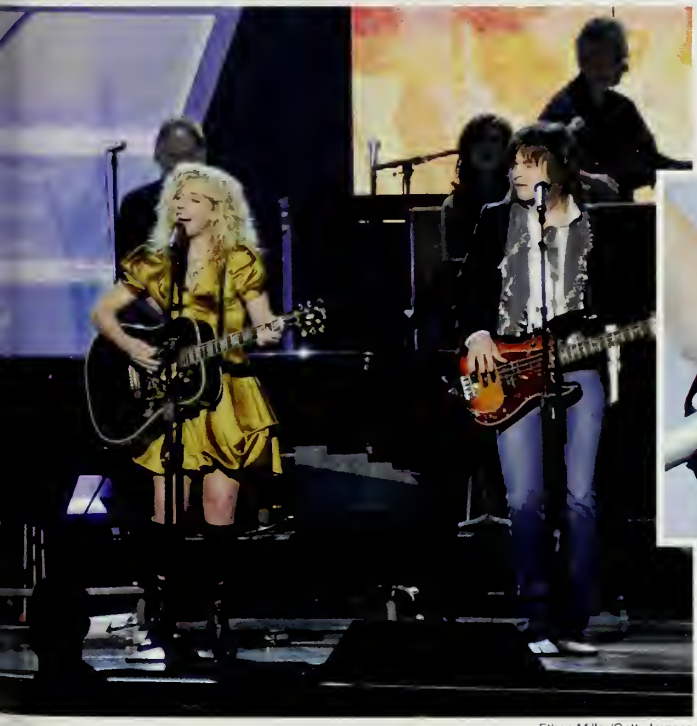
Jason Derulo Recovers from Fracture

Singer-songwriter Jason Derulo lands in the hospital and cancels a planned UK tour after fracturing his neck while rehearsing acrobatic stage moves.



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The Merry Band Perry

Siblings Kimberly, Neil, and Reid Perry of The Band Perry celebrate a Platinum album, three CMA Awards and a Grammy nomination.

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Natalie Grant Gets Grammy Nod

Singer Natalie Grant receives a Grammy nomination for Best Gospel/Contemporary Christian Music Performance, for "Alive (Mary Magdalene)."

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Casting Crowns Hit the Town

The acclaimed contemporary Christian rock group, Casting Crowns, launches a tour to promote its latest album, *Come to the Well*.

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Foster the People Pumps Up

More than a year after the catchy single's release, "Pumped Up Kicks," by Foster the People, finally reaches the top of the singles chart.

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Polaroid Pictures to Go
The Pogo instant digital camera from Polaroid prints its own snapshots to share in less than a minute.

***Call of Duty* Earns $400 Million**
The debut of *Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 3* is the most successful game launch in history, according to Activision Blizzard, Inc.

No Glasses Required for Nintendo "3DS"
The newest Nintendo 3DS device features a no-glasses 3D screen and allows players to record 3D video footage.

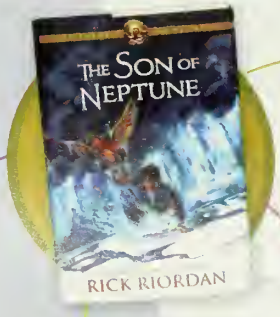
Entertainment

Super Mario 3D Land Conquers a New Dimension

Developed for the Nintendo 3DS, *Super Mario 3D Land* receives rave reviews for its addictive 3D experience.

Angry Birds Goes Mobile

The humorous and addictive computer game, *Angry Birds*, is one of the most successful mobile apps in the world.



Readers Welcome *The Son of Neptune*

Troubled teenage demigod Percy Jackson returns for more adventure in the second book of the *Heroes of Olympus* series.

Madden NFL 12 Scores Big

EA Sports adds non-NFL players like female quarterback Hope Bromley to the free agents in *Madden NFL 12*, the newest edition of the popular video game.

Mindflex Duel Is a Brainy Game

Mindflex Duel players wear special, brain wave-sensing headsets to steer foam balls through the air and around obstacles.

Just Dance 3 Steps Out

Ubisoft releases *Just Dance 3*, featuring singles by Katy Perry, Cee Lo Green, Britney Spears, Scissor Sisters, and The Black Eyed Peas.

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More Bang for the Buck

The Big Bang Theory, a popular sitcom about geeky research scientists and the women in their lives, is in its fifth season.

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Missing Michael at the Office

Critics and fans tune into the eighth season of *The Office* to see how the ensemble cast fares after the departure of star Steve Carrell.

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Bewitching Teens Cast a Spell

When Cassie Blake moves to a small town in Washington State, the teen is invited to join a coven of witches in *The Secret Circle*.

Television

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Victors in *Storage Wars*

In southern California, abandoned storage lockers are sold at auction to competing buyers who hope to find hidden treasure in *Storage Wars* on A&E.

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X Marks The Spot

Simon Cowell is set to kick off season two of the U.S. version of the *X-Factor*. This year's competition will feature new judges to replace Paula Abdul and Nicole Sherzinger, as well as a new host.

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NBC Finds Its Voice

Christina Aguilera, Cee Lo Green, Adam Levine and Blake Shelton compete to coach unknown singers to victory in the reality talent show, *The Voice*.

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Big Stars on Small Screen

Mike & Molly, a sitcom about an obese couple who start dating after they meet at an Overeaters Anonymous meeting, is in its second season.

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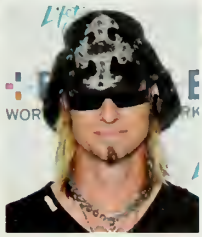
Vermin, Beware

An eccentric Louisiana exterminator works the front lines of his family business in the reality show *Billy the Exterminator*.

CBS Captures Viewers *Interest*

A mysterious billionaire scientist hires a former CIA officer to help him prevent crimes before they occur. The crime drama, *Person of Interest*, is a hit for CBS.



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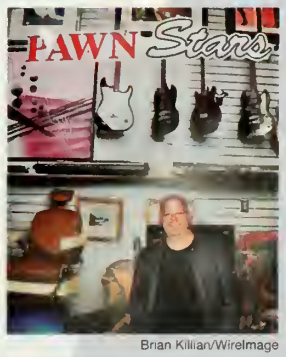

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Playing the Pawn

The History Channel has a hit with *Pawn Stars*, featuring the Harrison family and selected treasures from their Las Vegas pawn shop.

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Lionsgate Releases *The Hunger Games*

Jennifer Lawrence and Woody Harrelson star in *The Hunger Games*, a film adaptation of the popular science fiction novel.

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A Winning Season

Brad Pitt and Jonah Hill star in *Moneyball*, based on the true story of the Oakland Athletics' record-breaking 2002 season.

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A Dark and Stormy Knight

Batman (Christian Bale) returns to Gotham to uncover the truth about Selina Kyle (Anne Hathaway) in *The Dark Knight Rises*.

Movies

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The Boys Are Back

Robert Downey, Jr. and Jude Law return as Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson in Guy Ritchie's *Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows*.

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Harry Potter Series Finale on Home Video

After inspiring moviegoers to camp out for the first midnight showings, *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2* comes to home video.

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Agent J Returns

Josh Brolin joins Will Smith, Tommy Lee Jones and some seriously sinister aliens in the long-awaited science fiction comedy sequel, *Men in Black 3*.

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Chronicle Flies into Theaters

Three students discover they have superpowers far beyond their understanding. As their powers grow, so does their dark side to use them to their advantage. Their lives take unexpected turns as they try to deal with the unexplainable changes.

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War Horse Sells Tickets and Tissues

When a boy's beloved thoroughbred is sold to an Army captain on the eve of World War I, a deeply moving drama is set in motion in *War Horse*.

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The Revenge of the 99 Percent

When the boss squanders their retirement savings, the little people get even. Ben Stiller and Eddie Murphy star in the crime comedy, *Tower Heist*.

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Animal House

Matt Damon stars as a well-meaning widower who brings his young children to live in a rundown zoo in *We Bought a Zoo*.

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Make Some Noise

Queen Latifah and Dolly Parton star in *Joyful Noise*, about conflicts within a Georgia church choir as the group prepares for a national competition.

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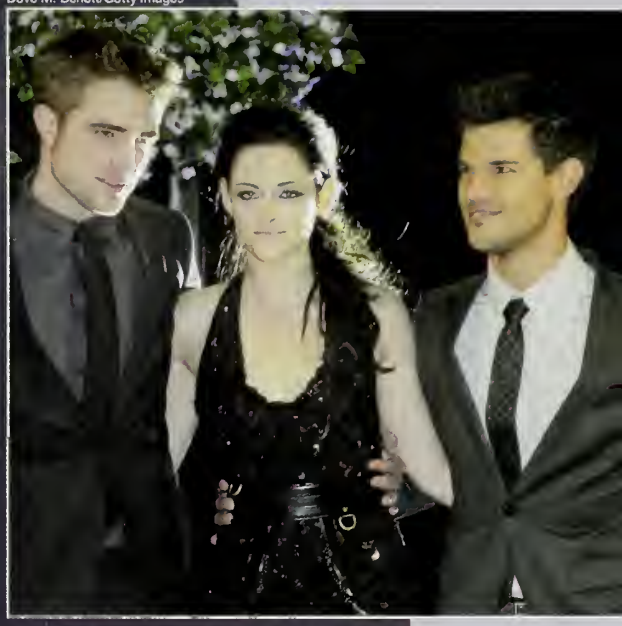

Breaking Dawn Breaks Records

The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn – Part 1, the fourth installment in the series, earns $500 million in its first 12 days in theaters.

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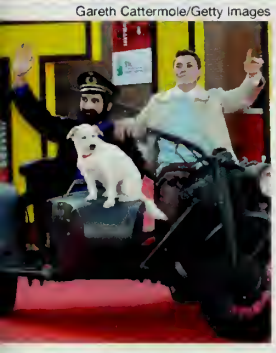

A Boy and His Dog

Steven Spielberg and Peter Jackson collaborate on the dazzling 3-D, performance-capture film, *The Adventures of Tintin: The Secret of the Unicorn*.

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Live Action Adventure Is Out of This World

Disney delights sci-fi fans with *John Carter*, which chronicles the adventures of a Confederate captain who is drawn into conflict on another planet.

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Superheroes Save the World

A cast of superstars portray Marvel Comics superheroes recruited to battle an evil villain and his army in the theatrical release, *The Avengers*.

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Heartstrings in Hawaii

George Clooney plays Matt King, who loses his wife but keeps his land and draws closer to his two young daughters in *The Descendants*.

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Super 8 Is Super Spooky

After teens witness a train accident in a small Ohio town, strange occurrences lead to extraterrestrial suspense in *Super 8*.

The Help Is a Hit

In the early 1960s, an idealistic, Caucasian writer wants to write about the struggles of the African-American maids who serve her peers in *The Help*.

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Hoodies Are Classic Casuals
Comfortable, cozy and laid-back hoodie sweatshirts convey an easy goixng attitude toward style.

Equestrian Style Steps Out
The classic, English-style riding boot, worn with skirts or tucked-in skinny jeans, is one of the strongest footwear trends for fall and winter.

Pandora Opens Beaded Bracelet Craze
Pandora charm bracelets from Denmark bring design-your-own style and sparkling self-expression to the jewelry store.

Trends

From Locker Room to Classroom

As temperatures drop, comfortable, cozy, high-performance sweat pants make the leap from gym class to everywhere-wear.

Energy Drinks as Teen Fuel Both Popular and Controversial
The caffeine and sugar in popular but controversial energy drinks fuel teens to help stay awake for late-night study sessions and socializing.

Cardigans Go Retro

A modern adaptation of the mid-century classic cardigan adds an extra layer of color, warmth, and style.

Shaggy Chic

Tall, fringed suede boots add a touch of irreverent, hippie chic to short skirts, leggings, or tucked-in jeans.

Aviator Shades Are Retro Chic
A new generation embraces the iconic shades of the 1970s. Metal-rimmed, aviator-style sunglasses make a stylish comeback.

Layers Make the Look
Layering is one of the strongest trends for fall and winter. Mixing textures and lengths, like a cropped jacket over a long top, creates looks that are both cozy and cool.

Mismatched Socks Are No Accident

Bending the rules is always in style. Students express their creativity by mixing brightly colored, patterned, mismatched socks.

The Time Is Right for the Neon Watch

One of the must-have accessories for both guys and girls is a big, chunky watch in bright, neon hue.

Stepping Out in Ballet Flats

Cute, comfortable, versatile ballet flats go with just about everything from school outfits to party attire.

Yogurt Goes Greek

Greek-style yogurt, which is creamier and less sour than ordinary yogurt, adds more delicious options to the dairy case.

Nail Polish Crackles

Ordinary manicures get contrast, color and texture with special, crackle-effect topcoat formulas.

Boy Style

Whether they're boot cut, skinny or loose fit, jeans are still the focus of today's style. Just throw on your favorite tee or hoodie and you're good to go!

Music Goes to Your Head

Dr. Dre introduces high-performance, over-ear headphones that cancel outside noise and enhance the listening experience.

Faux Is a Go

The posh look and plush feel of faux fur inspires designers to go wild. Fabulous faux jackets, vests, collars and accessories are hot — and warm.